

FY 2019 Supplemental**Department: Department of Health and Welfare****Divisions: Mental Health Services & Child Welfare****Programs: Adult Mental Health & Foster and Assistance Payments****Description: Home Visitation Program****Sponsor(s):****Lee, Wintrow,****Agenbroad,****Amador, Troy****1. Background:**

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) is a voluntary, home-based prevention strategy used to support pregnant mothers and new parents to promote infant and child health, foster healthy child development, prevent child abuse and neglect, and improve school readiness and family self-sufficiency. Services are typically delivered by trained nurses, social workers, and child development specialists. According to the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) evaluation findings of home visiting programs that are considered evidence-based have shown positive outcomes for children and families while creating long-term savings for states: for every dollar spent on these programs can provide a return on investment up to \$5.70 per taxpayer dollar invested by reducing future costs associated with child abuse and neglect, poor health, and academic failure. This program is implemented through the Department of Health and Welfare and the Public Health Districts.

Further, the federal grant has very specified restrictions and limits the ability of the Health Districts to perform these services in all counties in the state. These dollars allow Public Health Districts the ability to prioritize these services to serve the most at-risk families in each district.

Last session, the Legislature provided a onetime stopgap of funding for these services and the \$1,600,000 provided was based on General Fund neutrality. This money was realized from General Fund appropriation that was already budgeted in Health & Welfare.

2. Request:

	Fund	Type	OT	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
Adult Mental Health	0220-03	Gen	✓	0.00		0	0	(1,600,000)	0	(\$1,600,000)
Foster Payments	0220-03	Gen	✓	0.00		0	0	1,600,000	0	\$1,600,000
	TOTAL			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

3. Actions:**a. Motion:**

"I move for the Department of Health and Welfare for fiscal year 2019, the addition of \$1,600,000 in the Foster and Assistance Payments Program, and the reduction of \$1,600,000 from the Adult Mental Health Program; all adjustments are made onetime in trustee and benefit payments from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund."

b. Discussion:

This motion results in a net zero cost to the General Fund. Savings were realized from existing appropriation, which allows for these prevention dollars to be appropriated to the Health Districts. The home visitation program should yield ongoing savings to other state programs by having reduced caseloads in the behavioral health and legal system.

Transfer & Allocation Language, Child Welfare Division to Public Health Districts

HOME VISITATION PROGRAM. The amount appropriated in Section _ of this act shall be distributed to the Public Health Districts for the purpose of the home visitation program. These moneys shall not be considered general state aid pursuant to Section 39-425, Idaho Code, nor shall the moneys be allocated through a board of trustees formula pursuant to Section 39-411, Idaho Code. The allocation of these funds is based on how much each district is currently providing for comparable services from other fund sources in comparison to the other health districts. Further, the Public Health Districts may reallocate these moneys between districts, but only upon unanimous concurrence of the Board of Directors for the Public Health Districts. Further, each health district shall submit a report on the caseload, expenditures, and wait lists for the home visitation program to the Legislative Services Office no later than December 31, 2019. The format of the report, and any additional information contained therein, shall be determined by the Legislative Services Office. The moneys appropriated in Section _ of this act shall be fully distributed to each Public Health District upon enactment of this legislation, as follows:

Public Health District 1	\$313,300
Public Health District 2	\$254,500
Public Health District 3	\$328,000
Public Health District 4	\$170,400
Public Health District 5	\$211,400
Public Health District 6	\$168,600
Public Health District 7	\$153,800

Motion:

"I request unanimous consent to accept the language as shown on the screen."